

Dy 6. (Amended) The antimicrobial composition of claim 1, wherein the freezing point depressant component consists of a mixture of propylene glycol and glycerin.

19. (Thrice Amended) A method for controlling mastitis in milk producing animals, the method comprising:

applying an antimicrobial composition to a teat of an animal, wherein the antimicrobial composition comprises:

DS in the range of 0.01 to 5 wt. % of an antimicrobial component consisting essentially of heptanoic acid; and

greater than 60 wt. % of a freezing point depressant component comprising propylene glycol and glycerin.

D6 28. (Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein, wherein the freezing point depressant component consists of a mixture of propylene glycol and glycerin.

Please add and consider new claims 38 and 39 as follows.

D7 38. (New) The antimicrobial composition of claim 1, wherein the freezing point depressant component consists essentially of a mixture of propylene glycol and glycerin.

39. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein, wherein the freezing point depressant component consists essentially of a mixture of propylene glycol and glycerin.